

URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF SHEPLEY.

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SHEPLEY URBAN DISTRICT

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1921.

To the Shepley Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

1. General Statistics.

AREA.—1,247 acres.

POPULATION.—The population, as given by the Registrar General for 1921, is 1,727.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES.—485.

RATEABLE VALUE.—£10,238 7s. 0d.

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE.—£44 18s. 0d.

2. Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

		Total	M.	F.
BIRTHS.—Legitimate	- -	24	11	13
Illegitimate	- -	0	0	0

This gives a birth rate of 13.9 per 1,000 of the population, that for England and Wales being 22.4.

		Total	M.	F.
	*10	6	-	4
Inward Transfers	5	2	-	3
Gross Total	15	8	-	7

*These were deaths actually occurring in the township.

The inward transfers are of deaths of persons belonging to the township but whose deaths actually occurred in another district.

Number of women dying in consequence of child-birth :—
from sepsis, 0 ; from other causes, 0.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE PER 1,000 BIRTHS :—

Legitimate - 125 ; Illegitimate - 0 ; Total - 125.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	-	0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	0
„ „ Diarrhœa (under two years of age)	-	-	-	1

3. Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria - - - -	0	—	—
Scarlet Fever - - - -	7	7	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever - - - -	0	0	0
Pneumonia - - - -	8	0	0
Erysipelas - - - -	1	0	0
Chicken Pox - - - -	18	0	0
Whooping Cough - - - -	3	0	0
Measles - - - -	2	0	0
Tuberculosis --(a) Pulmonary, M. 2 ; F. 2 ; Total 4	4	0	0
(b) Non-pulmonary, M. 1 ; F. 1 ; T.L. 2	2	2	2

The above cases occurred at the following age periods :—

SCARLET FEVER.—5 years and under 10 years	-	-	3
10 „ „ „ 15 „	-	-	3
15 „ „ „ 20 „	-	-	1
Total	-	-	7

ERYSIPELAS.—45 years and under 65 years - 1 Total

PNEUMONIA.			
Under 1 year	-	-	1
5 years and under 10 years	1	-	Died
10 „ „ „ 15 „	2	-	
20 „ „ „ 35 „	1	-	
35 „ „ „ 45 „	3	-	

8 Total. 1 Died Total.

CHICKEN POX.—3 years and under 12 years - 18 Total

WHOOPIING COUGH.—1 year and under 5 years - 3 Total

MEASLES.—5 years and under 10 years - - 2 Total

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.—

5 years and under 10 years	-	-	1
15 " " " 20 "	-	-	2
20 " " " 35 "	-	-	1
			4 Total

NON PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.—

5 years and under 10 years	1	-	Died
10 " " " 15 "	1	-	Died

Total - 2 - 2 Died Total

(1) All deaths from tuberculosis had been previously notified as suffering from the disease.

(2) The notification of tuberculosis is efficiently carried out in the district.

4. Causes of Sickness.

There has been no serious epidemic in the district, the nearest approach to it being a number of cases of Chicken Pox, which occurred during the months of April, August, September and October. Those affected were all school children.

In the beginning of November, Influenza again became prevalent and continued till the end of the year; there were a large number of cases, but it was not, this year, of so serious a character, as had manifested itself on former occasions, only one death being registered as due to this cause.

5. Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospitals, and other Institutions, available for the District.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.—(a) General, nil;
(b) For Infectious Diseases, nil.

MIDWIVES.—There is no employment of, or subsidy to, practising midwives, by the public health authority.

There is one certified midwife in the district.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.	SITUATION.
Maternity and Child Welfare Centre Provided by W.R.C.C.	Joint Centre at Kirk- burton.
Day Nurseries - - - - -	Nil.
School Clinics - - - - -	Nil.
Tuberculosis Clinics - - - - Provided by W.R.C.C.	At Huddersfield and Holmfirth.
Treatment Centre for Venereal Diseases Provided by ?.	At Huddersfield Infirmary.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY
OR BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

1. Tuberculosis.—Patients sent to various Sanatoriums throughout the Country.
2. Maternity.—Nil.
3. Children.—Patients admitted to Children's Ward of Huddersfield Infirmary. (No subsidy).
4. Fever.—Kirkburton Joint Isolation Hospital (subsidised by Local Authority).
5. Small Pox.—Mill Hill Small Pox Hospital, Huddersfield (subsidised by Local Authority).
6. Other.—Nil.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

- (a) Infectious Cases.—Ambulance provided by the Kirkburton Isolation Hospital Authorities.
- (b) Non-infectious or accident cases.—Police Ambulance from Huddersfield sometimes available on payment of fee, otherwise private conveyance has to be provided by patient.

6. Laboratory Work.

Great use is made of the Laboratory at Wakefield for pathological and bacteriological examination.

Anti-toxins are supplied by the Council when necessary.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYE-LAWS, ETC., IN FORCE IN
THE DISTRICT.

P. H. A. A. A. 1907.

Sec. 25, 30, 32, 33 in Part 3.

Sec. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 in Part 2.

Sec. 58, 61, 67, 68 in Part 4.

Part 6. Sec. 95 of Part 10.

All necessary details in regard to Sanitary Administration, Public Health Staff and Housing will be found in the accompanying tables C and D.

All particulars in respect of drainage and alteration to property, etc., will be found to be fully dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's Report, which is attached herewith.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ALEX. J. KENNEDY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SHEPLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

Public Health Office,
 Shepley,
 Nr. Huddersfield.

Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report, 1921.

DETAIL.

Visits—

To Premises where no nuisances were found	...	234
„ Premises where nuisances were found	...	43
„ Slaughterhouses	... ..	7
„ Butchers' Shops	... ..	8
„ Works in progress	... ..	35
„ Property under notice	... ..	119
„ Owners	... ..	17
„ Cowsheds	... ..	21
„ Workshops	... ..	25
„ Van Dwellings	... ..	21
„ Piggeries	... ..	9
„ Schools	... ..	4
„ Under Housing Acts	... ..	75
TOTAL		618

46 Nuisances upon 43 premises were found.

42 Nuisances upon 40 premises have been abated.

4 Nuisances upon 3 premises remain in hand.

Towns' Water provided	... ..	14
Dampness	... ..	3
Water Closets in lieu of Privies	... ..	2
New Privy	... ..	1
Ashes Bins	... ..	5
Gully Traps in lieu of Bell Traps	... ..	3
Drain re-constructed	... ..	1
Part New Drain	... ..	1
Windows made to open	... ..	1
Drains cleared	... ..	4
Offensive deposits	... ..	2
Miscellaneous	... ..	5
Total		42

Nuisances —

Inadequate Water Supply	...	...	14
Dampness	...	...	4
Offensive Drains	...	...	9
Insufficient Drains	...	...	2
Insufficient Ventilation	...	...	1
Offensive Deposits	...	...	2
Defective Ashpits	...	...	2
Insufficient Closets	...	...	1
Insufficient Ashes Receptacle	...	...	6
Limewashing Cowsheds	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	2
			—
TOTAL			46
			—

T. E. WILLIAMS,

Sanitary Inspector.

Table "C," 1921.

SHEPLEY URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS---

Total No. of Inspections made in 1921, for Nuisances only?
277.

Nuisances reported in 1921? 46.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1920? 12.

Total needing abatement? 58.

Abated during 1921? 42.

Outstanding end of 1921? 16.

Informal Notices served? 46. Complied with? 42.

Statutory Notices served? None.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings?
None.

Have the Council declared any other processes to be
offensive trades? No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Any developments during 1921? No.

Developments still needed as to Want of Sewers? Nil.

Improvements of defective sewers? No.

Any inadequacy of Sewage Disposal Works or complaints
relating thereto? No.

Are there any sink wastes still needing disconnection?
None known.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens? 4.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets? None.

No. of Privies with covered middens? 276.

No. of Water Closets? 72.

Waste-water Closets? None.

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1921?

(a) as w.c.'s Two. (b) other None.

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in
1921? (a) w.c.'s None. (b) other One.

No. of Closets constructed in 1921 for new houses?
(a) w.c.'s None. (b) other None.

SCAVENGING—

Any change during 1921? No.

Performed by (a) Council? Yes (Team labour hired).
(b) Contractor? No.

How is refuse disposed of?

No. of loads to (a) Destructor Nil. (b) Tips 551.

(c) Farmers mostly.

Total annual cost £163.

Is there any inadequacy, and where? No inadequacy.

Any utilization or salvage of waste material? No.

WATER SUPPLY—

Any developments during 1921? Property at Croft Nook, Dobroyd and Lorne Villas now supplied with water from Huddersfield Corporation.

Was supply restricted owing to drought? No.

Any general insufficiency, and where? Croft Nook and Dobroyd, now remedied by Town's supply.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where? No.

Any new sources added? No.

MILK SUPPLY—

No. of Samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts? None.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination? None.

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows? None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1921? No.

No. of Cowkeepers in district? 17.

No. registered? 17.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers? 17.

No who are Milk Retailers only? None.

Total No. of Milk Sellers Registered? 17.

Total No. of Cowsheds? 19. Total No. of Inspections in 1921? 21.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations? None. Any Legal Action? No.

Any Inspection or other action by Districts to which Milk is sent? No.

Milk (Mothers and Children) Order, 1919. Any action? No.

OTHER FOODS—

No. of Samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts? None.

No. of seizures of unsound food? 7 tins. Kind and quantity? Salmon (7 tins.)

No. of Prosecutions? Nil.

If any Public Abattoir? No.

No. of Slaughterhouses? 1. No. Registered? 1. No. unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position? None.

Times each Slaughterhouse was inspected? Killing Day.

No. of Prosecutions? (a) Food and Drugs Nil.

(b) Unsound Food Nil. (c) *re* Slaughterhouses Nil.

No. of Bakehouses? Nil.

SCHOOLS---

Statutory Medical Inspection is carried out by the County Education Authority in most of the Districts but that does not relieve the M.O.H. of his duties in regard to sanitation and the prevention of infectious outbreaks in connection with Schools.

No. of Schools visited by M.O.H.? Council School at Shepley.

Action taken? Owing to number of absentees due to prevalence of Influenza, School was closed.

Schools closed? 3 weeks prior to Christmas holidays.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS--

No. of Smoke observations taken? None.

No. of Workshops? 34. Times each Workshop was inspected? Afternoon. Total inspections? 25.

Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed? No.

ADOPTIVE ACTS—

Acts adopted during 1921? None.

. BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS—

Any Bye-Laws made under Section 26 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, as to houses divided into separate tenements? No.

Any others adopted or revised during 1921? No.

Any relaxation of Bye-Laws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919? No.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES —

What diseases have been specially prevalent in 1921?
Chicken Pox and Influenza. State months?

Chicken Pox—April, August, September, October;
Influenza—November and December.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District? No.

Any prevalence of Venereal Diseases? None known.

HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS—

- (a) General: Accident and Children, Where? Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.
 - (b) Local: Infectious, General, Where? Kirkburton Joint Isolation Hospital.
Local: Infectious, Smallpox, Where? Mill Hill, Huddersfield.
 - (c) Maternity Hospital? Nil.
 - (d) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme? Nil.
- Whether any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital? No.

TUBERCULOSIS.—*Procedure by M.O.H. or his staff after notification :—*

1. Inspection of patient's home and workshop? Yes.
2. Examination for contracts? No.
3. Is house disinfected? Yes.
When? When patient in Sanatorium or at death.
4. Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed? No.
5. Action *re* spitting? None.
6. Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary? Yes.
7. Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum? The usual instructions are given by me.
8. Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners? Yes.

BACTERIOLOGY (County Laboratory)—

Any suggestions? No.

INFANT MORTALITY—

Any suggestions? No.

What organised effort to control it? Regular visits by nurses of the W.R.C.C.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare? No.
Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1921? None.

VITAL STATISTICS—

Births during 1921—Males, 11; Females, 13; Total, 24.
No. of illegitimate included in above? None.
No. of Still Births (not included)? None.

Deaths during 1921—(1) Gross Deaths, *i.e.*, Total actually registered in the District without any correction? 10.

(2) Nett Deaths on which the rates are calculated? Males, 8; Females, 7; Total, 15.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above)? None.

MORTUARIES--

What accommodation—(a) for accidents? None.

(b) for infectious cases other than at hospital? None.

(c) for other purposes? None.

SANITARY STAFF--

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H? £20.

Name of Sanitary Inspector? Thomas Edwin Williams.

Annual Salary as Inspector? £64 10s. 0d.

Other appointments held? Sanitary Inspector for four neighbouring districts (combined for sanitary purposes).

Salary for such other appointments? £235 10s. 0d.

Any Assistants? No.

Is Staff sufficient? Organisation in the combined sanitary areas is essential to obtain greater efficiency and economy.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

Table "D."

Summary of Housing Work during 1921.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1920?

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation (Section 15) 1909,
or (Section 28) 1919, 7.

Houses totally unfit for human habitation (Sec. 17) 1909, 7.

Houses with minor defects (Public Health Acts), 54.

Houses inspected under the Act and regulations in 1921? 75.

Houses found satisfactory on inspection? 14.

Action under (Section 15) 1919 or (Section 28) 1919?

Houses found not reasonably fit for human habitation, None.

Houses for which notices were given to execute works, 18.

Houses in respect of which notices were satisfactorily complied with, 9.

Houses in respect of which the Local Authority executed
or were executing works in default of landlord, None.

Houses in respect of which landlord elected to close house
instead of complying with notices, None.

Action under P.H. Acts in cases of houses with minor defects
not remediable under (Section 28) 1919?

Houses found with defects, 43.

Houses made fit after preliminary notice, 40.

Houses in regard to which statutory notices were served to
remedy defects, None.

Houses made fit after statutory notice, None.

Action under (Section 17) 1909?

Houses found to be totally unfit for habitation, None.

Houses represented to Local Authority as being totally
unfit for human habitation, None.

Houses made fit for human habitation without the issue of
a closing order, None.

Houses closed voluntarily, None.

Houses in respect of which closing orders were made, None.

Houses closed as unfit for human habitation after closing
orders were made, None.

Houses made fit for human habitation after closing order
was made, for which the Local Authority determined
the order, None.

Houses demolished voluntarily, None.

Houses for which demolition orders were made, None.

Houses demolished compulsorily, None.

Appeals against notices under (Section 15) 1909, or (Section 28)
1919? None.

Appeals against closing orders under (Section 17), 1909? None.

Appeals under Section 17 (6) 1909, refusing to determine closing orders? None.

Appeals against demolition orders Section 18 (2) 1919? None.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1921?

Houses not reasonably fit for human habitation (Section 15) 1909, or (Section 28) 1919, 7.

Houses totally unfit for human habitation (Section 17) 1909, 7.

Houses with minor defects (Public Health Acts), 66.

OTHER ACTION IN REGARD TO HOUSING :---

Total number of houses in district? 485.

Number of working-class houses? 450.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919? Fair.

OBSTRUCTIVE BUILDINGS---

Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890 Act? No.

Result of action (if any)? Nil.

Any building represented by Inhabitant Householders under Sec 38 (2) of 1890 Act? No.

UNHEALTHY AREAS---

Any representations under part I. or II. of the 1890 Act? No.

RE-CONSTRUCTION SCHEMES---

Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act? No.

CONVERSION OF HOUSES --

Any houses required for division into separate tenements, under the 1919 Act? No.

UNFIT HOUSES--

Any complaints by Inhabitant Householders under Sec. 31 of 1890 Act? No.

Any complaints by Parish Council under Sec. 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894? No.

Any action by Public Utility Societies? No.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899? No.

Any scarcity of houses, if so, where? General.

Any overcrowding of persons in houses, and where? No new cases.

No. of cases of overcrowding dealt with during 1921? Nil.

Any special activity in house building, and where? No.

Have the Council promoted, or assisted any public Utility Society in their district? No.

Number of new Houses built during 1921 by private enterprise?
(a) Working-class dwellings, One. (b) Other, None.

STATE-AIDED HOUSING SCHEMES--

Has Scheme been submitted as required by Section 1 of 1919 Act? No.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under (Sec. 17, 7) 1909 Act? No.

Any action thereunder? No.

TOWN PLANNING—

Any scheme prepared during 1921? None.

Any scheme contemplated? None.

Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910? Thos. Edwin Williams, Public Health Office, Shepley.

